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FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

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The First Circuit Court of Appeals is currently accepting applications to serve on the court's Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") panel. To be considered for membership on the CJA panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, an attorney must be a member of the bar of the Court in good standing; must have a demonstrated knowledge of, and experience with, federal criminal law and appellate procedure; must have a commitment to indigent criminal defense; and must be willing to accept at least one CJA appellate appointment each year.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the First Circuit CJA appellate panel should submit three copies of

- a completed application form
- a resume
- an appellate brief you have prepared and a copy of the court opinion

to the Clerk of Court, John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, One Courthouse Way, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02210. If you have not prepared a brief, you may substitute another writing sample.

Instructions and application forms may be downloaded from the court's website at [www.ca1.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov) under the "CJA Materials" button. They may also be obtained from the Clerk of Court. At this time, the court will be adding new members to the panel but no one will be coming off the panel. Attorneys currently serving on the panel should not reapply at this time. **Completed applications and attachments should be mailed to the Clerk and must be received no later than June 13, 2005 at 5 p.m.** Applications will be reviewed by a CJA Panel Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the court. Applicants will be notified in the early fall.

**QUESTIONNAIRE AND APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE FIRST CIRCUIT  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT ("CJA") PANEL**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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Please submit three copies of:

- the completed questionnaire
- your resume
- an appellate brief you have prepared and a copy of the court opinion, (see Question 5(B))

to: Office of the Clerk of Court, John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, One Courthouse Way, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02210. If you have not prepared a brief, you may substitute another writing sample.

**Application packages must be received no later than June 13, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.**

In answering the following questions, you may attach additional sheets of paper.

1.   **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
      Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_  
      Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
      Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_  
      Office Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

2.   **Education**  
      Graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ School of Law  
      Year \_\_\_\_\_

3.   **Bar Admissions**

Please list each court with date of admission.

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**4. Disciplinary Actions**

Have you ever been disciplined, or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding, by the bar of any jurisdiction or by any court? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain in detail on a separate sheet of paper.

**5. Experience****A. Prior CJA Experience**

If you have at any time been a member of a CJA panel, or the member of a comparable state court panel, please list the court(s) and approximate dates of service.

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**B. Previous Appellate Experience**

Approximately how many appellate briefs, if any, have you prepared? \_\_\_\_\_

Of these appeals, approximately how many were criminal or habeas corpus appeals? \_\_\_\_\_

How many appeals have you argued? \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, please list up to three criminal or habeas corpus appeals you have handled, preferably federal appeals. If you have not handled any criminal appeals, you may list civil appeals. Please provide a copy of a brief you authored in one of these cases. If the brief is an Anders brief or is not a good example of your writing and advocacy skills, please substitute a brief that better represents your qualifications (e.g., a brief filed in a state criminal appeal).

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**C. Trial Experience**

Please briefly describe any criminal trial experience, federal or state, relevant to evaluating your competence to serve on this panel.

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**D. Other**

Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, or law clerk to a judge or justice? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe the position, the name of your employer, and the approximate dates of employment.

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**6. References**

Please list the name, address, and telephone number of two references who can assess your skills relevant to this panel.

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**7. Special Qualifications**

Are you fluent in Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you have any other special qualifications, such as expertise in a specialized area of law (e.g., immigration law), or relevant legal experience, such as continuing legal education experience, which you believe is helpful in evaluating your competence to serve on this panel.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date